Role of Nepal Maoists in Naxal Movement in India

†929. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Maoists of Nepal have links with the Naxalite movement in our country;

(b) whether the weapons surrendered by the Maoists are likely to come in the naxalite affected States of the country;

(c) whether the naxalists are getting weapons and funds from the Maoists; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to disband this link and to put a check on the supply of weapons and funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (c) Government is aware of ideological/fraternal links between the Maoists of Nepal and Indian Naxalities. There is no evidence of any material relationship.

(b) No, the weapons surrendered by Nepalese Maoists are being monitored round the clock and are being placed in sealed containers in secure places under UN supervision.

(d) Indo-Nepal border is being manned by Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and constant vigil is being maintained by them, apart from State police forces of the concerned States.

Inclusion of languages in Eighth Schedule

†930. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include some more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the languages selected for inclusion in the said Schedule, along with the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the criteria for inclusion of any language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Demands of various languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are pending with the Government.

A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. The demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule will be considered, *inter-alia*, in the light of the recommendations of the Committee and Government decision thereon.

Custodial deaths

931. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of custodial deaths happened in the last year;

(b) the State-wise break up thereof;

(c) whether Government had made any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the reports received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from States/Union Territories, the total number of custodial death for the year 2005-2006 is 1730. The State-wise break is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.